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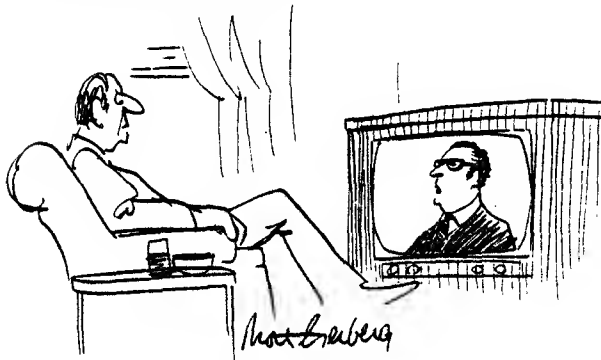
★ ROUNDUP

of Texas & International News

\$ZINE DIRECTORY. Michael Mills has done it again, and this time his 1980 version of the Zine Directory contains listings for 92 North American and 47 European offerings. Available for 50¢ from 1585 Quaker Rd.; Macedon, NY 14502, it deserves a place on the shelves of your Diplomacy reference library.

\$FANGUAGE. That's the title of an article by Greg Costikyan which appeared in the latest issue of a great little publication (dare I call it a zine?) called VERBATIM. It appears quarterly at \$7.50/year from Essex, CT 06426 and might be described as a fanzine for language freaks. Greg's article describes the peculiar fannish jargon that has grown up around the sf (as opposed to sci fi) fandom and then spread into other areas like wargaming. He's listed in the Zine Directory as the publisher of URF DURFAL at PO Box 865; Brown University; Providence, RI 02912 and has many published wargame designs to his credit.

\$TRIVIA. Bruce Linsey contributed this fascinating bit of geographical data, first printed in VOICE OF DOOM: "Texas is larger than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia...combined! If you have trouble believing this, check out an almanac."



"... Sixty-eight degrees, and the air is thick with curses."

\$BERCH REPORT. 1980 was a banner year for weather. We had tornadoes, a record heat wave, snow, and the remnants of a hurricane. One of more than a dozen tornadoes spawned by Hurricane Allen destroyed airplanes and hangars at an Austin airfield, unroofed an apartment complex, and slightly injured four people. July was the hottest on record in Austin, with 21 days of 100° or higher. Overall, we had 32 days with 100° or better (better?) although some summers it doesn't reach 100° on any given day. Weatherford, 30 miles west of Ft. Worth, was the 1980 hot spot, with 119° on June 26. The driest month in Austin was July, with only .28 inch of precipitation, and the wettest was September, with 5.66 inches. The year's low temperature here was 19° on March 2, but a number of Austinites rejoiced, tossed snowballs, and built snowmen when 2 inches of snow fell November 25, the most snow here since 1973. What does 1981 have in store? LSD plays it safe by predicting unpredictable weather.

\$CENSUS. Texas has leapfrogged Pennsylvania into the #3 spot with 14.1 million residents, according to recently released figures. The "Sunbelt" grew the

fastest, paced by Nevada, up by 64%, followed by FL, WY, UT, AK, ID, CO, NM, TX, HI, and OR, each of which grew by more than 25%. California remains the most populous state, followed by NY, TX, PA, IL, and OH. Florida displaced Michigan from 7th place, while NJ and NC rounded out the top 10. According to the 1980 statistics, El Paso jumped four places into the list of the 30 most populous cities, reaching 28th with 424,522. Phoenix rose from 14th to 11th place with 781,443, while San Jose, CA made it from 20th to 17th with 625,763 people. The top ten includes three Texas cities for the first time. The following list gives the 1980 census figures, then the 1970 figures rounded off to the nearest thousand: 1) NY, total not yet available, 7,895,000; 2) Chicago, 2,969,570, 3,367,000; 3) Los Angeles, 2,950,010, 2,816,000; 4) Philadelphia, 1,680,235, 1,949,000; 5) Houston, 1,554,992, 1,233,000; 6) Detroit, 1,192,222, 1,511,000; 7) Dallas, 901,450, 854,000; 8) San Diego, 870,006, 697,000; 9) Baltimore, 783,320, 906,000; 10) San Antonio, 783,296, 654,000. Statistics freaks will immediately notice that only the three Texas and two California cities grew, but it should be noted that these figures do not reflect the population of metropolitan areas, which often have different growth trends from the major cities they contain.

\$MASCOT. LSD has sent out letters to all North American publishers listed in the Mills Directory of Zines announcing the upcoming Diplomacy Hobby Mascot Election. We've asked for nominations from the publishers (who can submit a campaign "speech" and an illustration of the candidate) and will be publishing the list of candidates in the March LSD. All members of the hobby will be able to vote, with details coming later.

\$PLUGS. Frankly, I am amazed at the variety and high quality of the zines published for the play of postal Diplomacy. This month, still another batch of zines arrived, with the following newcomers: THE SHOGUN'S SWORD comes from Tom Swider (1183 Robinson Hill Road; Endwell, NY 13760) with game reviews, hobby information, and several game openings in variants. Game results are printed separately and mailed to the players individually. Extremely well printed and reproduced, PLAGUE TIMES is published by Marion Bates (PO Box 381; Kalkaska, MI 49646). With a variety of openings in different games, each one named after a disease, and a game review, plus a clairvoyant interview with a dead general each issue, PT looks like a winner! PROSPECTUS is devoted mainly to publisher Fred Winter's (400 W. Madison St. #2400; Chicago, IL 60606) 17-player global variant Colonial Winters, but he also has openings in Third Age, a Tolkien variant, and regular diplomacy. An interesting aspect of Colonial Winters is that rules changes may be proposed during the course of the game and voted on by the players. Two issues of INFIDEL came this month, one of which was the 1st anniversary issue. Forty-four pages of articles, reviews, quizzes, letters, and of course, games make a truly impressive issue. It's the product of a group of dippers: Tonge, Russon, Dupont, Hickey, Polley, and Baillie. Write to Box 403; Station 'A'; Mississauga, Ontario; CANADA L5A 3A2 for a sample. Although I'm still waiting for the block-busting PASSCHENDAELE #29, a record-setting

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Heart O' Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred
fathers, but defeat is
an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



ITALIAN PENETRATION OF AUSTRIA AIDED BY RUSSIA; TURKEY LIVES!

79 HS

Armadillo

F'05

[The French orders for spring 1905 were inadvertently not printed in the last issue, but the players were notified when the error was brought to LSD's attention: F Wes-TRH, F MAR h, A GAS s F Mor, A BUR s F Mor, A PIC s A Bur.]

AUSTRIA (Eric Ozog): A Vie-Gal [ds], ret to Boh or dsb], A Bul-RUM, A BUD s A Bul-Rum, A Gre-Bul, F Aeg s A Gre-Bul, F Eas s Turkish A Smy [otm].

AUSTRIA (Eric Ozog): A Vie-Gal [ds], ret to Boh or dsb], A Bul-RUM, A BUD s A Bul-Rum, A GRE-Bul, F AEG s A Gre-Bul, F EAS s Turkish A Smy [otm].

ENGLAND (Stephen Lee): F BEL h, F BAR-Nwy, F SKA s German A Den-Swe, F Nth-EDI.

FRANCE (Larry Boudon): A PIC & A BUR s English F Bel, A Gas-MAR, F Mar-LYO, F Trh-TUN.

GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): F Hel-NTH, F HOL-Bel, A RUH s F Hol-Bel, A MUN-Bur, A DEN s Russian A Swe.

ITALY (John Koehler): A Tyo-VIE, F TRI h, A VEN s F Tri, F PIE s French A Bur-Mar.

RUSSIA (John Daly): F NWY s German F Hel-Nth, A SWE s F Nwy, F Nwg-EDI, A Fin-STP, A GAL s Italian A Tyo-Vie, F BLA-Bul(ec), F CON s F Bla-Bul(ec), A ANK s F Con.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): A SMY-Ank.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for Winter 1905 adjustments:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| A: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum | 4/remove 2 |
| E: Home, Bel | 4/even |
| F: Home, Por, Spa, TUN | 6/build 1 |
| G: Home, Hol, Den | 5/even |
| I: Home, Tun, TRI, VIE | 5/build 1 |
| R: Home, Swe, Nwy, Bul, Ank, CON | 9/build 1 |
| T: Smy, Con | 1/even (1 ann) |

PRESS:

GERMANY (79HT) to 79HS: Excuse me, but aren't you missing somebody?

ENGLAND-TURKEY: Do they call it Danegeld down there?

BERLIN-LONDON: Sorry, Stephen, a better deal came along. With Russia's help, your destruction will be as swift and painless as possible. Maybe next time.

BERLIN-MOSCOW: You hit 'em high and I'll hit 'em low?

BERLIN-ROME: Thanks so much for your last communique. You raised a topic that bears much thought and discussion.

BERLIN-PARIS & VIENNA: Hello? Anybody there?

PARIS-EUROPE: Joyeux Noël!

ROME-AUSTRIA: Sorry, Eric, Italy has to look after her interests. It was just not to be between us.

ROME-EUROPE: Long live the Tsar!

SMYRNA: The last remaining Turkish army bids a fond farewell to our fellow heads of state. All except the Tsar, of course.



R-T JUGGERNAUT SEIZES TUN, NWY; WESTERN SUPERPOWERS STATIC

79 HT

Bluebonnet

F'05

[England retreated F Nwy-Nwg. Draw foils.]

ENGLAND (Stephen Lee): F NWG-Cly, F Mid-IRI.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): A Pic-Bre, A Par-Bre, A Mar-SPA, F Spa(sc)-POR, F NAT-Cly, F Eng-LON, F Lon-YOR.

GERMANY (Dick Martin): A SWE s English F Nth-Nwy [NSO], F DEN s A Swe, F Bel-NTH, A HOL-Kie, A Ruh-BEL, A Mun-SIL, A Pru-LVN.

ITALY (Roscoe McPherrren?): NMR! F ADR, A BOH, A TYO, & A VEN h.

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): F NWY h, A STP s F Nwy, F BAL-Kie, A WAR h, A VIE s Turkish F Tri, A BUD s A Vie, F RUM h.

TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): F TRI h, A SER & F ALB s F Tri, A BUL s A SER, F Ion-TUN, F Aeg-ION, F GRE S F Aeg-Ion.

COA: See press dotelined Munich.

Thanks to Bob Olsen for submitting standby orders even though they were not used.

Will Tony Auxier; Route 3; McLeansboro, IL 62859; please submit standby orders for Italy?

PRESS:

OLSEN-LSD: What an honor! Standby for Dick Martin! Is this the Dick Martin? or is this just a Dick Martin?

LSD: Beats the hell outa me!

MARTIN-OLSEN: Hi, Bob! Hope you set up some good alliances for me. Thanks.

GERMANY-FRANCE: My, my, what a pleasant surprise! I'm rather confused, however. What are you up to?

GERMANY-DRAW PROPOSER: I'm really quite honored, thank you. I'm also willing to vote for any draw that includes me, ever. I guess I'm just the agreeable sort.

KIEL-ROME: Well, whatever you did, it worked (so far).

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Sorry about that, chief, I hope you set up a good alliance with my "replacement"!

MUNICH: Again, the Chancellory is on the move.

This time I should be at 26 Orchard Way N.; Rockville, MD, 20854. Perhaps this address shift will be of a more permanent nature, but one never can tell.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for Winter 1905 adjustments:

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| E: Edi, Nwy | 1/remove 1 |
| F: Home, Por, Spa, Lon, Lvp | 7/even |
| G: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe | 7/even |
| I: Home, Tun | 3/remove 1 |
| R: Home, Rum, Bud, Vie, NWY | 8/build 1 |
| T: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, TUN | 8/build 1 |



DEADLINE

FOR ALL GAMES IN LSD:

January 26, 1981

The PUZZLER

AWARDS & HONORS

•ROD WALKER's contribution of his poem to LSD earns him 2 issues of sub credit. Although not printed here for the first time, it was the first outside submission, and as such it marks the beginning of what we hope will be a long-lived trend.

•BEN SCHILLING not only submitted the first answer to last month's puzzler, his was also stated most elegantly. "Two answers (there are an infinity of them): 1) Any point 100 km N of the circle of circumference 100 km centered on the South Pole. 2) Any point 100 km N of the circle of circumference 25 km, centered on the South Pole. Of course, you pass each point of the circle four times in the second solution." Two free issues to you, Ben!

•Honorable mention plus a free issue of LSD go to JOHN KOEHLER, JOHN MICHALSKI, BERN SAMPSON, BOB PEACOCK, RANDOLPH SMYTH, & ROD WALKER, who also submitted correct answers to the same puzzle and/or to the "picture puzzler", even though we didn't offer any prizes for the latter. A sample of responses: "Actually, it's not in the southern hemisphere; it's in Washington state. Start 100 km W of Mt. St. Helens, follow directions, and wait for an eruption. There are no ones in the picture. It is an "L" in lowercase as found on a typewriter or 'hot type' printer. Right?"--John Koehler. "The correct answer is "two". I saw a "1" each time I looked; however, the 3rd time, I saw it is a small "L", not a "1" at all. So since I saw a "1" each of those first 2 times, there are two."--John Michalski [Does anyone know how hard that was to type?] "The answer to this month's puzzle, I suppose, is 2. The picture is of one one, thus illustrating two ones."--Rod Walker. "Your latest puzzler is too tough for me, though. Still, I could say that I found 22 ones, and it would be the right answer, or at least you couldn't prove me wrong. You'll have to watch the way you word these things!"--Randolph Smyth.

PILL PUZZLER

A drugstore received a shipment of 10 bottles of a certain drug. Each bottle contains 1000 pills of the same appearance. The pharmacist, Mr. White, had just put the bottles on a shelf when a telegram arrived.

Mr. White read the telegram to Miss Black, the store manager, "Urgent. Do not sell any pills until all bottles are checked. By mistake, the pills in one

bottle are each 10 milligrams too much. Return the faulty bottle immediately."

Mr. White was annoyed, because he would have to take a pill from each bottle and find its mass. He started to do this when Miss Black stopped him. "Wait a minute," she said, "there's no need to use the scale 10 times, we only need to use it once."

How is this possible?

Six months later the store received 10 more bottles of the same pill. Then another telegram arrived saying that a worse mistake had been made.

This time the order included any number of bottles that were 10 milligrams too heavy. Mr. White was furious. "The system we used before won't work!"

Miss Black thought about the problem and said, "You're right. But if we change the method we can still use the scale only once and identify every faulty bottle."

What did Miss Black have in mind this time?

LSD will award the person submitting the best answer two free issues or equivalent prize. As usual, though, some people will find this puzzler too difficult. Here's another, somewhat easier, so there are no prizes offered, just congratulations:

OPTICAL ILLUSION

Which square is larger?



2nd LONE STAR TRIVIA CONTEST

Nick Russon, in his review of LSD for INFIDEL's anniversary issue, announced the answers to our next trivia quiz:

- 1) Hugo Gernsback
- 2) "And did those Feet in Ancient Times." (Jerusalem)
- 3) USS Bantam, 43 injured
- 4) 47 watts

For these answers, Nick gets a free issue of LSD. You can win a free issue if you supply the correct questions.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

On November 20 you can take the pledge! The Great American Smokeout pledge. Quit smoking (or help a friend quit) for one day, November 20. Hundreds of thousands of Americans will join us. How about you? Just cut off the official pledge card, sign it, and carry it with you... you're on your way to one Great American Smokeout day!

Pledge: "I do solemnly swear to give up smoking or help a friend give up smoking for the Great American Smokeout, November 20. I promise not to smoke for 24 hours (and maybe longer), or to help a friend quit."

American Cancer Society



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PLEDGE

STAR OF THE MONTH: Lischett Again!

Andy Lischett wins another Texas-style bumper sticker for the '65 Mustang he's restoring.

Actually, he's the only person who submitted a star this month, but it's a red, white, and blue winner in its own right!

sign here



F 1901

S 1901

[Players were notified that England ordered A Lvp-YOR and that France ordered F Bre-MID.]

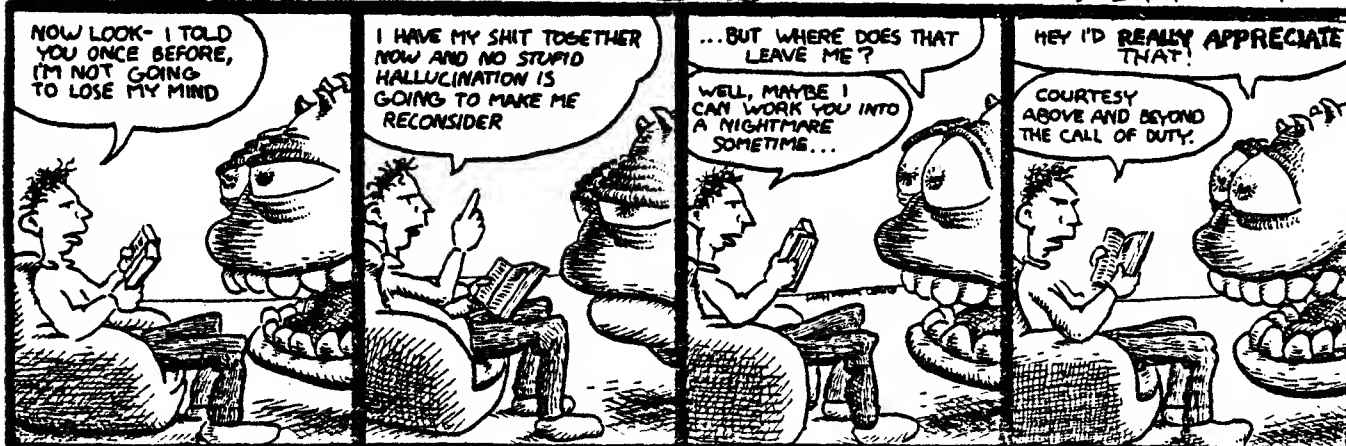
TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F Ank-CON, A Bui-Gre,
A Smy-ANK.

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A: Home, SER 4/build 1
E: Home, NWY 4/build 1
F: Home, SPA, POR 5/build 2
G: Home, DEN 4/build 1
I: Home, TUN 4/build 1
R: Home, SWE, RUM 6/build 2
T: Home, BUL 4/build 1
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DEADLINE for winter adjustments only: 26 JAN 1981.

TURKEY (Mike Henry): F ANK-Bla, A Con-BUL,
A Smy-CON.

The Royal Navy sailed for winter exercises amid rumors of war from the continent. Though the Admiralty calls them routine maneuvers, it is noted that the Army is also maneuvering. Queried, the Prime Minister labled the rumors sabre rattling, but said "Mustn't let our boys get rusty." He reiterated that England remains committed to maintenance of the balance of power.



The Naming of Parts

by Rod Walker

(with insincere and mumbled apologies to Henry Reed)

Today we have naming of parts.
Yesterday we had the economic basis.
And Tomorrow we will have the Rules.
But today we will have the naming of parts.

This is the Board.
It is a map of Europe with funny black lines on it.
People are always trying to redraw the lines.
They are never satisfied with enough, it seems.
But this is the Board; it is one of the parts.
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a red army.
It is not The Red Army; it does not sing.
It belongs to the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
We call it Austrio, for short.
You will see red armies at the beginning of the game.
Do not look for them at the end.
For some reason, they are not often there.
They are in the box with Franz-Joseph; but he is
not one of the parts,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a blue army.
It is not The Blue Army; it does not always win.
It belongs to England.
We call it the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, for long.
There are usually blue armies and fleets on the board,
Because God loves the King; but God is not one of
the parts,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a light blue army.
It is not light cavalry; it does not have an overture.
It belongs to France. Vive la France!
This happens in more than 50% of all cases.
Charles de Gaulle would be pleased, but Charles
de Gaulle is not one of the parts;
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a black army.
It is not a Black army, so southerners can stop
being nervous.
It belongs to Germany.
There are lots of black armies at mid-game, but
not so many at the end.
What a Götterdämmerung situation.
But of course Richard Wagner is not one of the parts,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a green army.
It does not wear any berets, however.
It belongs to Italy, which is too bad.
Normally you will need only five or six green armies
in the set.
Sometimes it is hardly worth the effort of putting
them out.
But green pieces are one of the parts,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a white army.
It does not represent purity nor Ajax.
It represents Russia: the nice one, before the
Revolution.
Russia often does very well in the game.
They ought to make a sealed railway car one of
the parts;
But as it is it's not one of the parts;
And today we have naming of parts.

This is a yellow army.
It does not represent jaundice or cowardice.
It represents Turkey, which is close.

Turkey often wins because it is (a) good, (b) pure,
(c) in a corner position (Choose one).
A corner position is nice to have, but it is not one
of the parts,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is the Rulebook.
It is very concise and clear, but some people mess
it up anyway.
They feel that once you get them straight you can
ignore them as you please.
These people are...
Well, we have named enough parts for today.

[This poem first appeared in EREWHON, vol. III,
No. 7, on 10 March 1969.]

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lishers, and Jack Masters even took credit for it at
one time (What a compliment!).

However, it seemed that the author, soon to
become a publisher in his own right, didn't get a
reaction as big as he wanted. It was good, don't
get me wrong. But for various reasons, no one (in
the zinepress, that is) paid much attention.

That just challenged Donovan to do it again.
This time Dick Martin's RETALIATION was the target.
As Dick normally does, the faker put a new name on
it: BANZAI FOR BONZO!!! (note the obligatory ex-
clamation points!!!)

This fake bubbled like there was no tomorrow.
It really topped the fake VOD, but just to be sure
someone noticed, a page from the Mellow Yellow zine
was included, with a challenge printed on the back
to a dozen major zines (LSD included--blush!) who
ignored it the first time around.

OK. I give up. Here's my reaction. Pages 14
& 15 were my favorites. The latter has "The First
Authentic Fake RETALIATION Poll" (1--No, staples
break my fingernails; 2--Yes, and half-a-dozen other
publishers; 3--oh, who cares?), and the former had
some foreign language press, just the item to grab my
attention.

Well, friends, let me tell you that Donovan can't
write Russian too good. I reckon it was so bad
'cause of the funny way he speaks English. (That's
the clue, and it's all you get.) If you write to
26 Orchard Way N; Rockville, MD 20854, you can
find out how good the original is.

Fake Masterpiece. Now even subzines are getting
into the act! The latest fake adorned Ron Brown's
most recent issue of MURD'RING MINISTERS.
Profusely illustrated, the JOY OF JANE purported
to come from Jane Proskin, a mythological beauty
dreamed up by Bruce Linsey & Bob Arnett back when
they were on better terms. Or is she real?

Bruce claims she's a fake. Bob says she's a
fake. But there she is, in living black & white,
along with her nomination for hobby mascot, a bear
named Arnetto.

If you write to Ron at 1528 El Sereno Pl.;
Bakersfield, CA 93304, he may let you see the next
installment. But you may have to ask B.J. Masters
to help Jane with the production. I'll bet Jane is
one of his Masterpieces.

And by the way, Bob Arnett is one of the folks
responsible for VOLKERWANDERUNG, a well liked
zine published monthly at 1500 Waterway Circle;
Chesapeake, VA 23320.

LSD Next Mindbender? I doubt it. It will be
pretty hard to counterfeit some of LSD's features.
But maybe the publication of LSD's mailing list else-
where in this issue will tempt someone to try. I
betcha can't do it!



LSDemo Phone Game

VULTURES CIRCLE CRIPPLED KAISER;
BALKAN ROUND ROBIN ATTACKS FAIL S'07

Due to academic pressures Allen Fisher has resigned as Germany. His replacement is Mike Blanchard, 2900 Breeze Terrace, 78722; 476-2471.

AUSTRIA (Robert Garrett): A Boh-SIL, A GAL s A Boh-Sil, A VIE s A Gal, A BUD-Rum, A GRE-Bul, A SER s A Gre-Bul, F AEG s A Gre-Bul.

ENGLAND (Doug Tatsch): F LON-Eng, F ENG-Mid, F SPA(nc) s F Eng-Mid, F NTH s Russian F Den-Hel, F SKA s Russian A Swe-Den.

GERMANY (Mike Blanchard): F Hel-HOL, F Bal-BOT, A MUN s Austrian A Boh-Sil, A Kie-Ber, A Hol-BEL, A PIC s A Hol-Bel, A Bre-GAS.

RUSSIA (Terry Startzel): F Den-HEL, A Swe-DEN, F Nwy-SWE, A CON s Turkish A Bul, A RUM-Ser, A Arm-SMY, A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Rum, A UKR s F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Paul Bearden): A BUL s Russian A Rum-Ser.

LOW COUNTRIES SHIFT TO BRITISH:
GERMAN PIRATES INVADE RUSS CAPITOL F'07

A: A Vie-TYO, A Sil-Ber [dsl, ret to BOH], A Gal-BUD, A Bud-SER, A Ser-BUL, A GRE & F AEG s A Ser-Bul, A Bur-MAR, F WES-Mid, F LYO-Spa(sc).
E: F SPA(nc)-Mid, F Eng-BEL, F Lon-NTH, F Nth-HOL, F SKA-Nwy.
G: F Bot-STP(sc), A Gas-PAR, A Bel-BUR, A PIC s A Bel-Bur, F Hol s A Kie [dsl, ann].
R: F HEL s English F Nth-Hol, F SWE-Nwy, A DEN-Kie, A BER s A Den-Kie, A Pru-SIL, A WAR s A Pru-SIL, A Ukr-GAL, A Rum s A Ukr-Gal, F Sev-BLA, A CON s Turkish A Bul, A SMY s A Con.
T: NMR! A Bul u, h [dsl, ann].

SULTANATE SHIFTED TO SIBERIA;
THEN THERE WERE FOUR! W'07

A: Home, Italy, Mar, Tun, Ser, Gre, BUL [build A Vie] +1 = 11
E: Home, Spa, Por, BEL, HOL +2 = 7
[build F Liv, F Lon] +2 = 7
G: Kie, Mun, Ber, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, STP [1 ann; rem A Par] -2 = 5
R: Mos, War, Sev, Stp, Turkey, Rum, Swe, Den, Nwy, BER = 11
T: Bul -1 Out!

PRESS:

MOSCOW: The recently appointed chief-of-staff of the Russo-Turkish Empire, for his loss of Bulgaria and St. Petersburg to hostile forces, is reported to have been secretly tried and exiled to Siberia.

KIEL CANAL OCCUPIED BY RUSSIAN NAVY; AUSTRIAN MANEUVERS IN MED S'08

A: A Mar-SPA, F Wes-NAF, F Lyo-WES, A TYO s German A Mun, A Vie-GAL, A BOH s A Vie-Gal, A BUL-Rum, A BUD s A Bul-Rum, A SER s A Bul-Rum, F AEG s A Gre-Bul, A GRE-Bul.

E: F Lvp-NAT, F Lon-ENG, F Spa(nc)-MID, F BEL s F Hol, F HOL s F Bel, F NTH s F Bel, F SKA-NWY.
G: F Stp(sc)-BOT, A KIE-Ber [dsl, ret to RUH], A MUN s A Kie-Ber, A BUR-Bel, A PIC s A Bur-Bel.
R: F Hel-KIE, A DEN s F Hel-Kie, A BER s F Hel-Kie, A SIL-Mun, F Swe-FIN, A Gal-Bud [dsl, ret to WAR], A RUM s A Gal-Bud, F BLA s A Rum, A SMY s A Con, A CON s A Smy, A War-UKR.

ENGLAND GIVES WITH ONE HAND, TAKES WITH THREE; MOVES INTO 2ND PLACE F'08

A: A Spa-MAR, F NAF s F Wes, F WES s F Naf, A TYO s A Boh, A BOH s German A Mun-Sil [nso], A GAL h, A BUD s A Gal, A Ser-Rum, F AEG-Con, A BUL s F Aeg-Con, A GRE s A Bul.
E: F Mid-BRE, F ENG s F Mid-BRE, F Nat-MID, F BEL s F Hol, F HOL s German A Ruh-Kie, F Nth-DEN, F NWY s German F Bot-Stp(sc).
G: A Ruh-KIE, A MUN s A Ruh-Kie, A BUR s A Mun, A PIC-Bre, F Bot-STP(sc).
R: F FIN-Stp, A Den-SWE, F Kie s English F Hol [dsl, ret to BAL], A BER s F Kie, A SIL-Boh, A WAR-Gal, A UKR s A War-Gal, A UKR s A War-Gal, A RUM-Bul, F BLA s A Rum-Bul, A CON s A Ruh-Bul, A SMY s A Con.

PRESS

LONDON: The entire British Empire was rocked today by news of the brutal assassination of favorite son John Lennon. Reports of outrage and blind retaliation by British units around the empire are widespread. How long the insanity will last no one in the government can say.

LONDON-MOSCOW: Sometimes paranoia is reality. Thanks for past help. I hate to lie to you, but the game needed shaking up. Lennon would have wanted it that way.

RUSSIA ROLLS OVER IN ANATOLIA;
AUSTRIAN GAINS GUARANTEED W'08

A: Home, Italy, Mar, Tun, Ser, Bul, Gre = 11
E: Home, Por, Spa, BRE, Bel, Hol, DEN, NWY [build A Lon, A Lvp, F Edi] +3 = 10
G: Mun, Kie, Stp, Par, Bre -1 = 4
[rem A Pic]
R: Mos, War, Sev, Turkey, Rum, War, Ber, Swe, Nwy, Den [rem A Smy, A Con] -2 = 9

PRESS

MOSCOW: A hasty council was called today to discuss the recent English treachery. The follow are excerpts from the Tsar's remarks:

"The English Worm seems intent on showing just how little intelligence, honor, and integrity exist in his kingdom. Aware of the Worm's personality from past actions with both Germany and Russia, Austria finally persuaded him to stab Russia in the back.

"On examination, the treachery points to mediocrity. The Worm is clearly a second-rate player, because he only insured himself second place. He was aware that the only force preventing an A-H victory was a strong Russia. In the future, English builds can only come from 1) Russia, henceforth his declared enemy, 2) Germany, whom he helped keep strong, or 3) Austria-Hungary, forget it!

"England and Russia were avowed allies. Had Austria been stopped, first and second place would

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109 pages long (I think it is shipped overland, it's so heavy), issue #30 has a lot to recommend it, too. François Guerrier (Box 32, Station A; Ottawa, Ontario; CANADA K1N 0T9) includes editorial views, jokes, hobby news, jokes, and other good stuff. A "best buy"! If you like Kingmaker, you need to know about the "maxi-multiplayer" variant offered by Mike Scott (1726 Cypress Circle; La Verne, CA 91750) in MIKE'S MAG. It requires 30-40 players, each of which controls only one noble, for a gamefee of \$3 (no subfee required). When 20 players sign up the game will begin, and more will be added as the game progresses. Other game openings include Russian Civil War, Wolfpack, Crusades, Conquistador, Machiavelli, and standard Diplomacy.

\$TOURNAMENTS. For information about a 2-day Dip tournament in Sacramento in mid-February, contact Clark Reynolds (6731 - 37th Ave.; Sacramento, CA 95824; ph 916/383-6030). Prizes range from \$5 to \$100. Sounds like fun. Law Pulsipher's article in DIPLOMACY WORLD #26 concerning regional Dippy tournaments struck a responsive chord here. He suggested that the regionals could be followed up by a national playoff. Right now I'm working on the National Diplomacy Tournament of Texas for next spring. You'll hear more of this next month if plans to combine it with a sf/fantasy gaming con work out.

\$ANOTHER PLUG. LSD recently received a packet from Larry Peery of the Institute of Diplomatic Studies giving advance publicity for the resumption of publication of XENOGOGIC, which first appeared 13 years ago. A rather long and elaborate survey form was included, apparently so the publishers could determine what people want in a dipzine. Peery and associate Mike Maston promise a fairly large zine emphasizing simple, well-run games for \$15 gamefees and subfees of \$1 per issue. If you send a stamp to Maston at Box 8416; San Diego, CA 92102, you can probably get a copy of the questionnaire, and if you return it, you'll get a complimentary copy of the premier April 1981 issue, which will contain the survey results.

\$AND ANOTHER. Rod Walker has announced the beginning of a new fanzine PELLENOTH, which will be devoted exclusively to the geography of f/sf literature. It will feature articles, maps, letters, and other

related materials. Article contributions are solicited, send a SASE for a copy of the guidelines. Subs are \$1 per issue or \$4 for 5 issues. Send your checks to Rod Walker; "Alcala"; 1273 Crest Dr.; Encinitas, CA 92024. (Incidentally, Rod writes that the "hobby's mascot has, since 1974, been my cat, Pussy Galore. Very few people seem to be aware of this. Obviously Kathy Byrne is trying to usurp her place, but that's another story.") Rod also publishes ARDA, NUMENOR, EREHWON, RUDDIGORE, and ghod knows what else.

\$NMR INSURANCE. Cunningham, Daly, Giddings, Henry, Keith, Koehler, Lee, Luedi, Peacock, Pierce, Scheffler, Stephens, Tatsch.

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\$SQUEEZEOUT. No room this time for Origins of Dip, Armadillo World Headquarters (soon to be razed for a hotel), Enchanted Rock, or Friendship (national motto of Texas). Also, take note that LSD has no game openings until spring. Happy New Year!

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nave been ours anyway. Who would have been first, who second...who wants to guess?

"Russia now declares War on England to the bitter end and offers both his arms and supplies to Austria or Germany in this struggle. In the end, the English move reaffirms one of the lessons taught by the Lennon assassination: IT TAKES NO CHARACTER TO SHOOT SOMEONE IN THE BACK."

LSDemo COMMENTARY

Although I don't agree that Austria has the game in the bag, Russia certainly has the power to make his prediction come true. England can infiltrate the Med, limiting A-H expansion in that region, especially if Germany helps. But assistance will not come cheaply, and Russia may be able to win the Kaiser's affection. With no resistance from Russia in the south, Austria will make substantial gain in the next year, but may find it hard to put the new troops where they are needed most.



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Houserules



GENERAL RULES

1. All standard Diplomacy games will follow the 1971/76 rulebook, as modified by the houserules and further changes agreed to by players and GM.
2. Suspected GM error should be reported before the next deadline.
3. Player-GM disputes will be settled by an ombudsman.
4. Players must maintain a sub.
5. Black press is not allowed.
6. Autumn retreats and winter adjustments will be combined into a separate season in 1901. After that, autumn, winter, and spring will be combined, and summer and fall be combined. GM will separate seasons if two players so request.
7. Preference lists, if received from 5 players, will assign countries. Otherwise a random drawing will be used.

ORDERS

8. Players must write orders legibly on a postcard or larger sheet of paper, a separate sheet for each game.
9. Orders should include a) game ID, b) season & year, c) country, d) submission date, and e) signature.
10. Orders with latest submission date will be used.
11. Phone orders will be accepted grudgingly until the night before the deadline. Calls after 10:00 pm Austin time will not be accepted.
12. Players may request "NMR Insurance" by submitting phone number. GM will try to call players collect on deadline day if orders did not arrive.
13. Orders must be explicit, with a separate order for each unit. Ambiguous orders and NMRs will be treated as holds.
14. Orders giving support to a foreign unit should specify nationality of unit receiving support.
15. Fleet movement to and from Bul, Spa, and Stp should specify coast.
16. The abbreviation Nor will not be accepted.
17. Orders conditional on results of previous season will be accepted. Joint, combined, or codeword orders will not.

NMRs & REPLACEMENTS

18. GM will supply neutral orders in case of no moves received (NMR) in spring '01:
A: F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Ser
E: F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lpl-Edi
F: F Bre-Mid, A Par-Pic, A Mar h
G: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun h
I: F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Apu, A Ven h
R: F Sev-Rum, F Stp-Bot, A War-Ukr, A Mos h
T: F Ank-Con, A Con-Bul, A Smy h
19. In case of NMR after spring 1901, units will hold unsupported and a standby will submit orders for the next season.
20. Upon 2 consecutive NMRs, standby will take over permanently.
21. In case of no retreat received (NRR) the unit will be disbanded.
22. A player who NMRs a total of 3 times during a game may be replaced.
23. If GM cannot find a replacement, or if the country has only 1 or 2 units, GM may declare a state of civil disorder (CD).
24. A player who drops out or is removed forfeits game fee and NMR deposit.
25. Deception of GM will be grounds for removal.

VOTING

26. If the number of centers held by each player stays constant for 3 gameyears, the GM may declare a draw.
27. Draw proposals may be made after fall '05. All active players may vote, and no vote received (NVR) = "yes".
28. Draw and concession votes must be unanimous among players. If several draw proposals pass, the one representing the most supply centers prevails.
29. Voting results will be implemented before any orders are executed. Numerical vote outcome will be secret.

NOTATION

30. LSD will use, and recommends that players use the following province abbreviations:
Bot (Gulf of Bothnia) Nao (North Atlantic)
Lpl (Liverpool) Nth (North Sea)
Lvn (Livonia) Nwg (Norwegian Sea)
Lyo (Gulf of Lyon) Nwy (Norway)
Mid (Mid-Atlantic) Tyo (Tyrolia)
Naf (North Africa) Trh (Tyrrhenian Sea)
31. In reporting games, LSD will use the following abbreviations:
ann annihilated nso no such order
c convoy nsu no such unit
CD Civil Disorder otm ordered to move
dsb disband rem remove
dsl dislodged ret retreat
h hold s support
imp impossible u unordered
32. In reporting spring and fall orders, underlined moves fail; all CAPS indicate location of unit at end of season.
33. In reporting supply center status, underlined centers are lost, all CAPS indicate new centers.
34. LSD disclaims responsibility for outside interference in the flow of the game. However, GM may delay the game in such cases.

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